



NORTH FLATHEAD YACHT CLUB

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 14th, 2016 7:00 PM

Present: Officers: Commodore Phil Healey, Port Captain Dean Sirucek, Treasurer Maren Annotte, Secretary Christa Handford, Past Commodore Brad Lane. Board members: Dick Graf, Lori Switzer.

Absent: Rear Commodore Kirk Kalbfleisch, Vice Commodore George Michels. Board Members: Eric Hurst, April Russell, Carley Baumgarten, Patti Pennington.

Members: Jed Vallings, Kurt Hafferman, Ken Yackechak, Dennis Hatton

Call to order: 7:11

Minutes from last board meeting

Motion to accept March Minutes – Dick
Second – Dean
Motion Carries

Old Business:

1. Update on Club House repairs. – Kurt Hafferman – There is some of the front deck that is saturated. We could either tear the deck off and fix it or not fix it now, but at some point it will need to be done. There is dry rot. There was no flashing or calk on the clubhouse for some reason. Cody from advanced roofing is indicating it would cost 10,000 to 15,000 to tear down and fix the deck. They can't tell if the beams are fully compromised. We could fill them with epoxy to stop the dry rot. Kurt thinks the deck should be left for now for the full repair at a later date. It would take about a month to redo the deck. Kurt is 90% sure that fixing the handrails will prevent further damage. There is another compromised beam on the side deck. There is dry rot in the side deck. The floor on the side deck needs to be replaced. Water is getting in between the two layers of the side decking. We need to cover the outside with siding. The side deck and beam is an issue of safety Kurt says. All three beams look to possibly be compromised on the side deck. The back railing will have the same problem. Bob Foley is into this project for 60 hours and his rate is 35.00 per hour. To button up would be another 80 hours and he would be at 4900 dollars which is within the original budget. To replace the three beams it would be another 3000 to 4000 dollars. Kurt thinks we should budget another 5000 dollars. Discussion – We have 64,000 in facilities reserve.

Dean made a motion for to approve 15,000 to button up the front deck and replace the three beams on the side deck.

Second – Dick

Discussion – Ken said we have the money. In his opinion we should get it all done right so it will be good for the next 30 years. Ken thinks it should be done the correct way now. Ken says we also have a line of credit available. Phil says we've been drawing down our building reserve and

dock reserve. For the last three years we have been drawing down and the reserves are beginning to dwindle. Phil thinks we should take Kurt's recommendation and just do the three beams now. Dean is worried about the railings on the far side as well and wonders if we have the same problem there. He thinks it should be looked into while things are all open. Kurt says if we do the whole deck job that they need to start now. Ken thinks we have until early June. Phil thinks we should do it incrementally. He says we don't have the time right now to tear everything apart. Phil doesn't think we need to start another payment. Ken said it would not be another payment. It might extend the length of the loan a year or something if we used our line of credit but it would not be another payment. Kurt thinks with the button up it might be good for two years. Phil thinks we should finish what we can now and save the big repairs until after sailing season. Kurt doesn't think the dry rot goes beyond the handrails. Kurt thinks everything could be done by the end of this fall if we wanted to do the full repair then.

Motion Carries

Kurt says they'll get started on that right away.

2. Update of Rules and Policies, Rewrite of Camping Rules, Wheeled Vehicles on Dock – Lori brought this proposal to the board that she, Carley and Maren had worked on:

NFYC Policies and Procedure state:
(under article IX)

No camping allowed on club property by non-members unless they are here as participants in a club sanctioned event.

NFYC Club Rules state:

No camping is allowed on NFYC property, except for special occasions.

Proposed addition to the Club Rules

1) Camping includes sleeping on the grounds overnight (with or without a tent), in the clubhouse, and/or in vehicles, trailers, motor homes in the parking lot. (suggested to add to previous rule).

* Brad says people should be allowed to sleep in the clubhouse when it is too rough on the water to sleep in their boats. He also wanted to clarify that people can sleep on their boats on trailers when they are working on them in the parking lot. Dennis pointed out that it will need to be enforced if we are making more rules. Phil thinks we should cross out the clubhouse. Maybe add the word frequently. Exceptions can be made by the board is something that Brad thinks could be added.

Maren made a motion that we approve the definition of camping brought to the board by Lori that states: NFYC Club Rules – No camping is allowed on NFYC property, except for special occasions. Camping includes sleeping on the grounds overnight (with or without a tent), and/or in vehicles, camping trailers and motorhomes in the parking lot.

Second by Dean

Motion Carries

2) (New rule to add) No use of bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, etc. allowed on docks.

Dick doesn't think we need to make a rule about it.

Lori made a motion to accept the rule

Second by Maren

Discussion – It was a problem once.

Motion fails 4 to 2

Other rule discussion topics:

Boats that are stored in the parking lot and not used after 1 or 2? years, must be moved out of the parking area. The board can approve special circumstances for longer storage. (What we are trying to avoid is a large quantity of stored boats which aren't used)

Only Boats and trailers which have paid the appropriate fees may be left on club grounds.

(again, avoiding storage of 'stuff' by members)

*Dennis said our lot is cheaper than other storage options which causes people to just pay to keep their boat here and not deal with it because it is cheaper.

Brad thinks there should be something in the rules because of aesthetics.

Discussion Tables

Policies and Procedures – Phil would like to see the following changed:

Applications should be voted on and approved as they come in. Phil says we don't do that so it needs to be changed. Maren will change this to read what the current policy is.

Section 3 – 1st Item – Turning heat and water off. We don't do that. The Policy should be changed.

Brad makes a motion that we strike the words “and the heat turned off”

Second Dean

Motion Carries

Article 10 – Yachts – Section 1

Seventh Item – Sail Measurement

We do not require people to measure their sails before they race. We have dropped this.

Motion to strike that item by Maren

Dean Second

Motion Carries

Same section – back five items – Snubbers – rules state snubbers or springs. This has already been voted to be changed to read snubbers or springs in the rules and policies and procedures. She will change that.

3. Lore Switzer update on Spigot at Fire Pit. – It's done for only 56 dollars. It was under budget.

New Business:

1. Maren – has an email from people who would like to bring their boat here for a week in July. It is a Hunter 23. They would make a donation. We have done this before. It hasn't been a problem. Maren will tell them yes.

Officer/Committee Reports

Commodore - 2. Phil got a letter that some people were able to cut down some pilings so people won't hit them now. Phil isn't planning to do anything with his letter.

Vice Commodore – George sent this report to the board by email: The big news is the selection of our new Race Steward and Youth Instructor who I believe will be a fine asset to our program. Rory Mess is studying Environmental Policy at the University at Buffalo, where he has been competing in FJs. He comes highly recommended from the Youngstown YC where he has spent several seasons teaching and coaching their juniors, as well as crewing on an active J70. He also received a strong recommendation from his manager while employed as a snowboard instructor. I had to offer up my POS (Precious Old Subaru) to close the deal but I think it will be worth it.

Early registration prices are still in effect for the Instructor Certification course to be held June 7-10. For more information contact me or visit the enrollment page at <http://www.ussailing.org/education/sbinstructor/level-1-instructor/>

Are any members interested in hosting either the Instructor or visiting participants? Pete and Jeff have confirmed that the District 19 J24 fleet will be joining us during the Montana Cup Regatta. I look forward to having more boats at the event.

On a final note, I feel compelled to kick the basket of snakes and bring up the unresolved matter of sail choice restrictions for our evening races. It is time for such questions to be discussed and decided upon at a fleet level. Fleet Captains will please address the issue and report so that we can all play by the rules.

Rear Commodore – Kirk – Phone Call – May 21st is the Work Party – Kirk says we should have it on the 14th. Phil will tell him it is already scheduled. Dean said the boom lift needs to be painted and greased and oiled. There would need to be a lift. Maybe it could be done on the work day.

Lori brought up that Wes said we need to shore up the bumpers. Phil will talk to Wes about this. Maybe we can do it next spring.

Treasurer – Maren presented report (see attached)– Dock expenses. They are already 5000 dollars over budget. Jr. Sailing ordered some spinnakers. There was discussion about the dock reserves account. Facilities reserve has 64,000 dollars but we will need to pay Foley out of that. Yackechek will make the loan payment tomorrow. There is a lot

of money that will still be coming in. Not everyone has paid for their slips yet. Gary Brennamen has dropped. Scott Gallaway dropped. Maren currently has 5 openings. Some people have not paid. Brad will call Chris Sommerhof to find out his plans. Maren will be out of town until May 7th. Eric will cover any treasurer business that needs to be handled while she is gone.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report – Dean
Second Brad
Motion Carries

Secretary – No Report

Port Captain – No Report

Membership Committee – Meg and Vince Gordon will be joining. Maren currently has two applications. One big slip is open.

Handicap Committee – Dick - We have our Certificate of Membership for US Sailing PHRF – Phil will make some copies of the certificate.

Junior Sailing – no report

Social Committee – no report

Website Committee – no report

Long Term Planning – no report

New Topics for Next Meeting – Next meeting will be membership month.

Motion to adjourn Brad
Second Dick
Motion Carries

Adjournment: 9:04

Respectfully submitted by,

Christa Handford
NFYC Secretary